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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application of pending prior Application Serial No. 90/177,348, filed on October 23, 1998, entitled: "Method And Apparatus To Enhance Optical Transparency Of Biological Tissues", in the name of the inventor, Babak Nemati.

The Examiner of the prior application was Michael J. Hayes, in Group Art Unit 3762.

It is anticipated that this divisional patent application will be in Class 607, subclass 1.

Enclosed is a true and exact copy of the prior patent application, including a true copy of the declaration showing the original signature of the inventor, Babak Nemati. I hereby verify that the papers constitute a true and exact copy of prior Application Serial No. 90/177,348 and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Also enclosed is a preliminary amendment cancelling all claims not to be prosecuted in this application.

The filing fee for a small entity is calculated as:

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| Basic filing fee   |                     |              |             | \$355.00   |
| Total claims       | 16 - 20 = 0         | x            | 9.00 =      | 0.00       |
| Independent claims | 1 - 3 = 0           | x            | 40.00 =     | 0.00       |
|                    | TOTAL               |              |             | \$355.00   |

A verified statement to establish small entity status was filed in prior Application Serial No. 90/177,348 and such status is still proper and desired. A true and exact copy of such verified statement is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$355.00 is enclosed herewith.

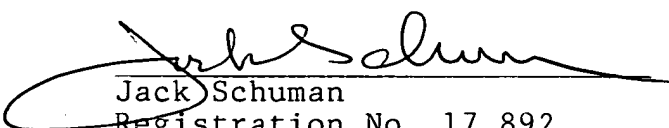
The Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge all additional fees which may be required, either in connection with the filing of this application or during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 19-0724. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed herewith.

The power of attorney as it appears in the original papers in the prior application was and still is to Jack Schuman, Registration No. 17,892, of 3762 Carmel Drive, Carmel, Indiana 46033-4329.

Please apply a serial number and filing date to the enclosed postcard, and address all correspondence in connection with this application to the undersigned attorney.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted

  
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